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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *29 November 2007*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *22-40 and 42* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) *27-40* is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *22-26, 42* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/29/2007 has been entered. The examiner notes the receipt of the amendments and remarks received in the office on 11/29/2007 amending claims 22, 23, 25, 42. Claims 1-21, 41 are cancelled and claim 27-40 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 22-26, 42 are pending and are being examined on the merits herein.

Response to Remarks

The rejection of claim 41 under U.S.C 112 first paragraph is withdrawn due to the cancellation of the claim. The rejection of claims 22-24, 26 under U.S.C 102 have been withdrawn due to the amendment of claim 22. The rejection of claim 41 under U.S.C 103 for obviousness over Guidi is withdrawn due to the cancellation of the claim. The rejection of claims 22-24, 26 under U.S.C 103 C for obviousness over Guerrett have been withdrawn due to the amendment of claim 22. The rejection of claims 22-26, 41 and 42 rejected under U.S.C 103 C for obviousness over Guarna-2001 and Guarna-2003 is withdrawn due to the amendment of claim 22. The rejection of claim 41 under U.S.C 103 for obviousness over Guarna (2000) is withdrawn due to the cancellation of the claim. The rejection of claims 41 and 42 rejected under U.S.C 103 C for obviousness over Scarpi (2001) is withdrawn due to the cancellation of claim 41 and

amendment of claim 42. The rejection of claims 41 and 42 rejected under U.S.C 103 for obviousness over Macheti (2000) is withdrawn due to the cancellation of claim 41 and amendment of claim 42. The rejection of claim 41 under U.S.C 103 for obviousness over Guarna (1999) is withdrawn due to the cancellation of the claim. Applicants' arguments regarding the rejection of claims 22-26, 42 under U.S.C 103 for obviousness over Guarna (1999) has been fully considered and found not persuasive. The rejection is maintained and the response to arguments is provided below. The rejection of Claims 22-26, 41 and 42 under obviousness double patenting rejection over application 10/220556 is withdrawn due to the abandonment of the application on 12/27/2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham* **v.** *John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 22-26, 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guarna et al. (Applicant-cited reference on IDS: Guarna et al. J. *Org. Chem.* 1999, *64,* 7347-7364.).

Guarna et al. teach compounds within the scope of the instant genus of compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core, as well as specific compounds defined in the instant claim 25. For example, Guarna et al. teach compound 192 of the instant claim 25, which is the compound of the instant formula (I) wherein X, Y, and Z are O, R1, R4, and R5 are H, R2 is (S)-Me (C1 alkyl), R3 is C1 arylalkyl, and R6 is (R)-C(O)OR, wherein R is C1 alkyl (see compound 12 on p. 7353). Guarna et al. teach a general strategy for preparing all of the individual stereoisomers of the compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core (see Chart 1 on p. 7349). Guarna et al. teach, "Peptide isosteres are compounds that can replace one or more amino acids in a bioactive peptide leading to modified structures possibly displaying more favorable pharmacological properties than the prototype. In several cases, the modified peptide shows a higher metabolic stability, better bioavailability, and properties of peptide isosteres that would achieve these desired pharmacological properties. Guarna et al. state, "We have envisioned that some of...these features could be found in the bicyclic structure based upon 3-aza-6,8-dioxabicyclo[3.2.1]octane-7-carboxylic acid skeleton". Thus, Guarna et al. suggest the pharmaceutical utility of compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core In addition, the reference teach that BTAa(O) compounds, (some of the compounds that are instantly claimed) are corresponding amide precursors of BTAs (dipeptide isoteres) (p 7348, col. 1, lines

1-4), and teach the transformation of BTAa(O) to BTAa compounds (p 7353, scheme 5, compounds 16-21). Hence the reference teach the utility of BTAa(O) compounds as the precursor of dipeptide isoteres that can replace one or one or more amino acids in a bioactive peptide leading to modified structures possibly displaying more favorable pharmacological properties than the prototype. The reference further teach other BTAa(O) compounds such as wherein X, Y, and Z are O, R1, R4, and R5 are H, R2 is Me (exo, endo) (C1 alkyl), R3 is C1arylalkyl, and R6 is (R)-C(O)OR (exo) (see compounds 6 and 7 of table 1, p 7349). This teaches the compounds 5 and 6 of claim 25 and thus addresses claim 42.

Guarna et al. do not explicitly teach the instant compounds 193-195 as defined in claim 25, which are stereoisomers of compound 192 of the instant claim 25. Guarna et al. do not teach preparation of pharmaceutical compositions comprising the herein-claimed compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core.

For the reasons discussed above, the herein-claimed stereoisomers of the compounds disclosed by Guarna et al. are prima facie obvious, particularly considering that Guarna et al. teach a general strategy for preparing all of the possible stereoisomers. For the reasons discussed above, the herein-claimed adjacent homologs and homologous series are prima facie obvious. Because Guarna et al. suggest the pharmaceutical utility of the herein-claimed compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art to formulate the compounds with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients to arrive at the instantly claimed inventions.

The person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to formulate the compounds of Guarna et al. with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients as a pharmaceutical composition because Guarna et al. teach that the compounds have pharmaceutical utility, and bioactive compounds are routinely formulated as pharmaceutical compositions for administration in therapeutic methods. The person of ordinary skill in the art would have expected that the compounds could be formulated with routinely used, pharmaceutically acceptable excipients absent evidence to the contrary.

Claims 22-26, 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cini et al (Eur J of Org Chem, March 2002, 873-880).

Cini et al. teach compounds within the scope of the scope of the instant genus of compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core, as well as specific compounds defined in the instant claim 25. For example, Cini et al. teach compounds 17-20 of the instant claim 25 where X, Y, Z are O, R1, R4, R5 are H, R2 is C1- C8 hydroxyalkyl, R3 is C1arylalkyl, and R6 is (R)-C(O)OR, wherein R is C1 alkyl (see compounds 16 and 20 of page 875). The reference also teach compounds 13-16 of the instant claim 25 where X, Y, Z are O, R1, R4, R5 are H, R2 is C1-C8alkyloxyaryl, R3 is C1arylalkyl, and R6 is (R)-C(O)OR, wherein R is C1 alkyl (see compound 8, page 874). The reference teach the compounds in solvents and as intermediates in the synthesis of compounds (BTS) that are transformed into a novel, conformationally constrained α-amino acid that may find its application in peptidomimetic synthesis. The reference

teach the composition of the compounds as the compounds are in solvents such as ethanol (p 875, para 2, line 5).

Guarna et al. do not teach preparation of pharmaceutical compositions comprising the herein-claimed compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core. The reference does not explicitly teach the stereoisomers of the compounds of the claimed invention.

The herein-claimed stereoisomers of the compounds disclosed by Cini et al. are prima facie obvious, particularly considering that Cini et al. teach a general strategy for preparing all of the possible stereoisomers. Because Cini et al.suggest the utility of the herein-claimed compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core to be a precursor of the compounds that may find its application in peptidomimetic synthesis, it would have been obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art to formulate the compounds with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients to arrive at the instantly claimed inventions.

The person of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to formulate the compounds of Cini et al. with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients as a pharmaceutical composition because Cini et al. teach that the compounds as precursors of compounds with pharmaceutical utility, and bioactive compounds are routinely formulated as pharmaceutical compositions for administration in therapeutic methods. The person of ordinary skill in the art would have expected that the compounds could be formulated with routinely used, pharmaceutically acceptable excipients absent evidence to the contrary.

Response to Arguments

Applicants' arguments regarding the rejection of claims 22-26, 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guarna et al. (Applicant-cited reference on IDS: Guarna et al. J. *Org.Chem.* 1999, *64,* 7347-7364.) have been fully considered and found not persuasive. Applicants' argue that Guarna fails to teach or suggest a specific pharmaceutical utility for any of the disclosed compounds. As stated earlier in the rejection Guarna teach compounds within the scope of the instant genus of compounds comprising the 3-aza-bicyclo[3.2.1]octane core, as well as specific compounds defined in the instant claim 25. The reference teach the utility of BTAa(O) compounds as the precursor of dipeptide isoteres that can replace one or one or more amino acids in a bioactive peptide leading to modified structures possibly displaying more favorable pharmacological properties than the prototype. Hence the reference teach the usefulness of the compounds in preparation of dipeptide isoteres and a person of ordinary skill in the art would have expected that the compounds could be formulated with routinely used, pharmaceutically acceptable excipients absent evidence to the contrary.

Any rejection of record not addressed herein is withdrawn.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to UMAMAHESWARI RAMACHANDRAN whose

telephone number is (571)272-9926. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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